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1. JOINT PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF CIVILIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WENT OFF AT BIEN HOA AS SCHEDULED MORNING AUGUST 16. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND EMBASSY PROVINCIAL REPORTER WHO OBSERVED MEETING REPORTS THAT ARRANGEMENTS APPEARED QUITE SATISFACTORY. ALL SLATES WERE REPRESENTED. MAJOR CIVILIAN CANDIDATES,

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INCLUDING HUONG AND SUU, APPEARED PERSONALLY. THIEU ANDKY DID NOT ATTEND, ALTHOUGH THEIR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE FOR SLATE.

2. MEETING ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED 2500 PERSONS, APPROXIMATELY HALF OF WHOM WERE CIVIL SERVANTS. SIZE OF CROWD DWINDLED AS MORNING PROGRESSED. CANDIDATES WERE EACH ALLOWED 15 MINUTES TO SPEAK OR ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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3. FOREGOING BASED ON TELEPHONED REPORT. SUBSTANCE OF REMARKS BY CANDIDATES WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.
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